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FACT SHEET

Community Based Stabilization Grants Program (CBSG)

OVERVIEW

Launched in March 2010, the Community-Based Stabilization Grants (CBSG) program was designed to “hold” communities after military operations and insulate unstable communities from further insurgent intrusion. USAID was working to apply community development, mobilization principles and peaceful community discussion to enable unstable communities, which are predominantly a focus of counterinsurgency activities, to directly implement small-scale community-level projects. USAID enabled eligible community-based organizations to work with the Afghan government to identify sources of instability and address community grievances through small-scale community level projects at a grass roots level in 14 provinces in the northern, western, and central regions. Projects were limited in size with a maximum grant award of \$25,000. Most projects concluded within 90 days. The targeted geographic locations included Faryab, Jawzjan, Balkh, Kunduz, Takhar, Baghlan, Samangan, Sar-e-Pul, and Badakshan in the North, Herat and Ghor in the West and central provinces of Bamiyan, Panjshir, and Kabul.

ACTIVITIES

- Conduct small-scale infrastructure construction and rehabilitation including culverts, floodwalls, irrigation canals, water-supply, schools, health clinics and public meeting halls
- Procure and/or repair furniture and equipment or materials for schools, clinics and meeting halls, disability support, and emergency response
- Provide training and capacity building for women, farmers associations, youth associations and disability groups
- Facilitate community participation through peace jirgas, district development assembly activities, and environmental awareness campaigns

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Funded 910 community stabilization grants
- Generated more than 721,000 days of employment
- Benefited more than 2,023,000 people directly
- Benefited more than 929,000 females directly
- Increased the capacity of Afghan Government officials to understand and respond to community grievances
- Re-established programming and community –government connectivity in conflicted or post-conflicted areas
- Contributed to an improved sense of security